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## GOVERNMENT OF GOA

Department of Agriculture

### Notification

3/5/EXT/137/2020-21/D.Agri/893

#### Name of the Scheme: Interest Subsidy on Loans for Agriculture and Allied Activities.

Ref: 1) Notification No. 3/4/ISA/2008-09/  
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- published in Official Gazette, Series I No. 12 dated 08-6-2015.
- 6) Notification No. 3/5/EXTN/137/2016-17/D.Agr/383, dated 20-09-2016 published in Official Gazette, Series I No. 26 dated 29-09-2016.
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  - 8) No. 3/5/EXTN/137/2017-18/D.Agr/407 dated 22-09-2017 published in Official Gazette, Series I No. 25 dated 22-09-2017.
  - 9) No. 3/5/EXTN/137/2017-18/D.Agr/387 dated 28-08-2018 published in Official Gazette, Series I No. 23 dated 06-07-2018.
  - 10) No. 3/5/EXTN/137/2019-20/D.Agr/762 dated 6-03-2020 published in Official Gazette, Series I No. 50 dated 12-03-2020.

Government is pleased to notify the scheme, "Interest subsidy on loans for Agriculture and Allied Activities (Revised)" for period of five year w.e.f. 1-04-2020. The scheme is Revised as under

Government desires to facilitate farmers to access concessional loans by providing interest subsidy on loans for Agriculture and Allied Activities availed from banks on prompt repayment. The scheme is intended to help farmers to take up Agriculture as a viable activity, in pursuance of Government's commitment to promote Agriculture in the State.

1. *Duration.*— The scheme will remain operative for a period of five years from 1st April, 2020 to 31st March, 2025 and will be reviewed for continuation on completion of five years. All loans for Agriculture and Allied Activities sanctioned during the period of the scheme shall be eligible for interest subsidy.

2. *Loan amount eligible for interest subsidy.*— (1) Short term crop loan upto Rs. 3.0 lakhs is eligible for Interest subvention under Government of India scheme.

(2) Agriculture Term loan upto Rs 5.00 lakhs. Thus, farmers availing agriculture loans up to Rs 5.00 lakhs, whether crop loan or working capital for Animal husbandry and Fisheries activities or Agricultural term loan for investments in agriculture and allied activities, will be getting the benefit of interest subsidy under this scheme.

3. *Institutions entitled to extend loan.*— Scheduled Commercial Banks, Small Finance Banks, Goa State Co-operative Bank and Primary Agricultural Co-operatives (PAC 's)

4. *Rate of interest and subsidy.*—

A. *Rate of Interest Subsidy on Short Term loans:* The Government of Goa will provide interest subsidy of 4% to those farmers who repay their loans promptly.

B. *Rate of Interest Subsidy on Long Term Loans:* The Government of Goa will provide interest subsidy to the extent of the difference between rate of interest of 4% and the normal rate of interest charged by the eligible banks as per their policy, subject to a maximum of 8%.

The Government of Goa will provide interest subsidy only to the loans repaid promptly. The banks should stop claiming interest subsidy on loans from the point they become irregular.

The Government shall stop release of subsidy in case of any default in repayment by the farmer and the bank branch shall not claim interest subsidy in such cases from the month the default takes place. In such cases, the banks while recovering their dues as per laid down procedure of respective banks, shall also recover the entire interest subsidy released by the Government to the banks and refund the subsidy component to the Government.

However if the loanee regularizes his/her loan in the meantime, he/she shall be eligible for interest subsidy for the defaulting period, but in such cases penal interest charged by bank shall not be considered for interest subsidy.

5. *Eligible Activities.*— The interest subsidy will be available on both short term and long term agricultural loans.

I. *Short Term Loans:*

B. *Eligibility.*— With respect to short term agriculture loans, all loans conforming to Government of India Interest Subvention Scheme shall be eligible for interest subsidy. In addition Krishi card is mandatory for Agriculture and Animal Husbandry farmers.

Further, as per Government of India announcement, banks have to extend the facilities of Kisan Credit Card (KCC) to Animal Husbandry farmers and Fisheries (AH & F) also to help them meet their working capital requirements. The working capital components in fisheries, under the scale of finance, may include recurring cost towards seed, feed, organic and inorganic fertilisers, lime/ other soil conditioners, harvesting and marketing charges, fuel/electricity charges, labour, lease rent (if leased water area) etc. For capture fisheries, working capital may include the cost of fuel, ice, labour charges, mooring/ landing charges form part of the scale of finance. The working capital components in Animal Husbandry, under the scale of finance, may include recurring cost towards feeding, veterinary aid, labour, water and electricity supply. The Scale of Finance/Quantum of Working Capital fixed by State Level Technical Committee would be the basis for lenders to determine the quantum of finance.

The ceiling for working capital loans eligible for interest subsidy is up to Rs. 2 lakh, within the overall ceiling of Rs. 3 lakh per farmer for short term crop loan.

The criteria for eligible beneficiaries under KCC for Animal Husbandry and Fisheries will be as under:

a. *Poultry and small ruminant.*—

Farmers, poultry farmers either individual or joint borrower, Joint

Liability Groups or Self Help Groups including tenant farmer of sheep/goats/pigs/poultry/birds/rabbit and having owned/rented/leased sheds.

b. *Dairy*

Farmers and Dairy farmers either individual or joint borrower, Joint Liability Groups or Self Help Groups including tenant farmers having owned/rented/leased sheds.

c. *Fishery*

• *Inland Fisheries and Aquaculture*

Fishers, Fish Farmers (individual & groups/partners/share/croppers/tenant farmers). Self Help Groups, Joint Liability Groups and women groups. The beneficiaries must own or lease any of the fisheries related activities such as pond, tank, open water bodies, raceway, hatchery, rearing unit, possess necessary license for fish farming and fishing related activities, and any other State specific fisheries and allied activities.

• *Marine Fisheries*

Beneficiaries who own or lease registered fishing vessel/boat, possess necessary fishing license/permission for fishing in estuary and sea, fish farming/ mariculture activities in estuaries and open sea and any other State specific fisheries and allied activities.

ii. *Interest Subsidy on Agricultural Long Term Loans:*

A. *Eligibility.*— With respect to long term agriculture loans, all agricultural term loans up to Rs. 5 lakh, provided directly to farmers in case of scheduled commercial banks/Small Finance Banks and provided either directly to farmers or to farmers through Primary Agricultural Co-operative Societies by Goa State Co-operative Bank Ltd., eligible to classified under priority sector lending as per the guidelines of Reserve Bank of India, are eligible for

interest subsidy from the Government of Goa. For the purpose of loan ceiling of Rs. 5 lakh, the crop loan amount, if any, would also be added. Further, a farmer can avail more than one eligible loan also, within the overall ceiling of Rs. 5 lakh. This ceiling is with respect to loan amount sanctioned and not outstanding. For example, if a farmer has availed a term loan of Rs. 4 lakh and has repaid Rs. 1 lakh over a period of two years, he would be eligible for taking another agricultural term loan of Rs. 1 lakh and not Rs. 2 lakh.

**B. Tenure of subsidy:** The Government of Goa will provide interest subsidy on all eligible agricultural loans for the tenure of the loan as per normal repayment schedule, subject to a maximum repayment period of 5 years. Thus, if any eligible term loan is sanctioned during the period the scheme is in operation, the interest subsidy will be provided for a maximum repayment period of 5 years, subject to satisfying other conditions relating to prompt repayment.

**6. Eligibility of interests charged.**— The interest subsidy claims have to be submitted to the Government of Goa by banks in respect interest applied and recovered, on half yearly basis. Banks should not claim interest subsidy on notionally accrued interest on agricultural loans outstanding, even if the interest has not become due to be paid.

The pending claims already submitted by the banks will be settled as per old pattern.

**7. Receipt of application and disbursal of loan.**— Farmers under Agriculture and Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services shall directly approach banks with requisite documentation (Krishi card). In case of loans for Fisheries, applicants will apply through the nearest office of Directorate of Fisheries which will scrutinize the applications and forward them to the nearest bank branch as per preference indicated by the farmer within 15 days of receipt of application. Banks will sanction loans as per usual norms including approved scales of finance.

**8. Format for claiming interest subsidy.**— All eligible banks have to claim interest subsidy on eligible agricultural loans, separately for short term loans (separately for crop loans [Part A(1)], working capital for animal husbandry activities [Part A(2)], and working capital for fisheries [Part A(3)]) and for long term loans (separately for agricultural loans [Part B(1)], animal husbandry loans [Part B(2)], and fishery loans [Part B(3)]) in the format given in Annexure.

**9. Routing of interest subsidy claims.**— The branches of eligible banks have to route their interest subsidy claims through their Controlling Office/Regional Office in Goa. The branches of Goa State Cooperative Bank Ltd., have to route their interest subsidy claims through their Head Office. If the controlling offices can generate the interest subsidy claims directly from their Core Banking Solution (CBS), without involving their branches, the claims can be submitted directly by such controlling offices to the Government of Goa. The eligible Primary Agricultural Cooperative Societies (PACS)/Vividh Karyakari Sahakari Saunsthas (VKSS) have also to route their claims through the Head Office of Goa State Cooperative Bank Ltd.

The interest subsidy claims have to be submitted at half yearly intervals by controlling offices banks to Agriculture Department, who will retain claims in respect of agricultural loans [Part A(1) and Part B(1)] for processing at their level and pass on the interest subsidy claims in respect of animal husbandry activities to Department of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Sciences [Part A(2) and Part B(2)] and in respect of fisheries activities to Fisheries Department [Part A(3) and Part B(3)]. The interest subsidy will be released to controlling offices of the banks by respective Departments directly, keeping Agriculture Department informed of the date and amount of interest subsidy released.

**10. Utilization of interest subsidy.**— Banks have to credit the interest subsidy amount to the accounts of the beneficiaries within seven days from the date of receipt of interest



subsidy and provide an Utilisation Certificate as per format attached to Agriculture Department, about having credited the subsidy amount to the beneficiary accounts. In case any utilised amount remains with the bank, the bank concerned should immediately return the amount to Agriculture Department, giving full details thereof, specifying reasons for not utilising the amount. This practice will be followed, till the Government is able to evolve system to credit the interest subsidy directly to the beneficiary accounts.

11. *Recovery of loan*.— Recovery of loan is the responsibility of the banks and there will not be any Government guarantee for the loans provided by the banks under this scheme.

12. *Release of subsidy*.— Interest subsidy will be released on half yearly basis. For this purpose, every bank branch shall send their claim to the Director of Agriculture in the prescribed format, within one month of half yearly period. i.e., by 31st August and 28th February.

The office of Director of Agriculture or Director of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services or Director of Fisheries as the case may be, will scrutinize and approve the claims. It will be the responsibility of Branch Manager to ensure that the subsidy released towards interest subsidy shall be credited to borrowers account. Certificate to this effect should be submitted by concerned bank branch to the Government.

13. *Monitoring Mechanism*.— A State Level Monitoring Committee (SLMC) notified with Secretary (Agriculture) as Chairperson will monitor implementation of the scheme on regular basis. The committee shall comprise Heads of implementing Departments and senior representatives of various banks with Director of Agriculture as Member Secretary. The committee shall monitor the entire gamut of implementation of the scheme including the time frame set for release of loans to the farmers. The monitoring committee shall also ensure that the interest subsidy liability is not in excess of the budget provision available

under the Scheme. The Committee will evolve necessary procedure and format required for monitoring implementation of the scheme. The Committee will also get test checks done in branches through Zonal Agriculture Officers and the taluka level officials of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services Department and Fisheries Department.

14. *Field Visits*.— Both Banks and representative of SLMC shall undertake sample field visits either jointly or separately to verify utilization of loan sanctioned and submit report to the monitoring committee on regular basis.

15. *Relaxation*.— The comments shall be empowered to relax any or all clauses or conditions of the scheme in genuine cases. However in such cases release of financial assistance will be considered only with the approval of the Finance (Exp.) Department.

16. *Interpretation*.— If any question arises regarding interpretation of any clause, word, expression of the scheme, the decision shall lie with the Government, which shall be final and binding on all concerned.

17. *Redressal of grievances and disputes*.— Grievances if any, arising out of the implementation of the scheme shall be heard and decided by the Minister for Agriculture and the decision of the minister for Agriculture in this regard shall be final and binding on all the concerned.

18. *Budget Head*.— The Directorate of Agriculture, Directorate of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services and Directorate of Fisheries shall make necessary budget provision under their "Demand" for debiting the expenditure on subsidy.

This issues with the concurrence of the Finance Department vide their U.O. No. 1400076714 dated 08-01-2020.

By order and in the name of Governor of Goa.

Nevil Alphonso, Director (Agriculture) & ex officio Joint Secretary.

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**Format for claiming Interest Subsidy on Agricultural Loans from Government of Goa**

Interest Subsidy Claim for the Half yearly ending (31st Aug/28th Feb)

**Part—A(1) (Interest Subsidy on Short Term Loans—Crop Loans)**

Sr. No.	Name of beneficiary	Krishi Card No.	Aadhar No.	KCC No.	Mobile No.	Survey No.	Village	Block	District	No. of Acres	Crop cultivated	Amount of crop Loan (₹)	Date of Sanction	Date of Disbursement	Amount of Interest Subsidy claimed(₹)	SB A/c. No.	IFSC	Branch Name

**Part A(2)****Format for claiming Interest Subsidy on Agricultural Loans from Government of Goa**

Interest Subsidy Claim for the Half yearly ending (31st Aug/28th Feb)

**Part—A(2) (Interest Subsidy on Short Term Loans—working Capital for Animal Husbandry Activities)**

Sr. No.	Name of beneficiary	Krishi Card No.	Aadhar No.	KCC No.	Mobile No.	Survey No.	Village	Block	District	Activity Undertaken	Unit size (No. of Animals)	Amount of Working Capital Loan (₹)	Date of Sanction	Date of Disbursement	Amount of Interest Subsidy claimed(₹)	SB A/c. No.	IFSC	Branch Name

**Part A(3)****Format for claiming Interest Subsidy on Agricultural Loans from Government of Goa**

Interest Subsidy Claim for the Half yearly ending (31st Aug/28th Feb)

**Part—A(3) (Interest Subsidy on Short Term Loans—Working Capital for Fisheries Activities)**

Sr. No.	Name of beneficiary	Krishi Card No.	Aadhar No.	KCC No.	Mobile No.	Survey No.	Village	Block	District	Nature of Activity	Canoe/vessel Size or Area in Ha.	Amount of Working Capital Loan (₹)	Date of Sanction	Date of Disbursement	Amount of Interest Subsidy claimed(₹)	SB A/c. No.	IFSC	Branch Name

## ANNEXURE

## Part B(1)

**Format for claiming Interest Subsidy on Agricultural Loans from Government of Goa**

Interest Subsidy Claim for the Half yearly ending (31st Aug/28th Feb)

## Part—B(1) (Interest Subsidy on Long Term Loans—For Agriculture purpose)

Sr. No.	Name of beneficiary	Krishi Card No.	Aadhar No.	KCC No.	Mobile No.	Survey No.	Village	Block	District	No. of Acres	Purpose of Loan/ Nature of investment	Amount of term Loan (₹)	Date of Sanction	Date of Disbursement	Amount of term Loan Outstanding (₹)	Amount of Interest Subsidy claimed (₹)	SB A/c. No.	IFSC	Branch Name

## Part B(2)

**Format for claiming Interest Subsidy on Agricultural Loans from Government of Goa**

Interest Subsidy Claim for the Half yearly ending (31st Aug/28th Feb)

## Part—B(2) (Interest Subsidy on Long Term Loans—For Animal Husbandry Activities)

Sr. No.	Name of beneficiary	Krishi Card No.	Aadhar No.	KCC No.	Mobile No.	Survey No.	Village	Block	District	Activity undertaken	Unit size (No. of Animals)	Amount of term Loan (₹)	Date of Sanction	Date of Disbursement	Amount of Term Loan Outstanding (₹)	Amount of Interest Subsidy claimed (₹)	SB A/c. No.	IFSC	Branch Name

## Part B(3)

**Format for claiming Interest Subsidy on Agricultural Loans from Government of Goa**

Interest Subsidy Claim for the Half yearly ending (31st Aug/28th Feb)

## Part—B(3) (Interest Subsidy on Short Term Loans—For Fisheries Activities)

Sr. No.	Name of beneficiary	Krishi Card No.	Aadhar No.	KCC No.	Mobile No.	Survey No.	Village	Block	District	Nature of Activity	Canoe/vessel Size or Area in Ha.	Amount of term Loan (₹)	Date of Sanction	Date of Disbursement	Amount of Term Loan Outstanding (₹)	Amount of Interest Subsidy claimed (₹)	SB A/c. No.	IFSC	Branch Name

## CERTIFICATE

Certified that the loan sanctioned by this branch for which Interest Subsidy is claimed as per the scheme notified by Government vide notification No. 3/5/EXT/137/2020-21/D.Agri/ dated \_\_\_\_\_. The same are examined and recommended for release of Interest subsidy.

Stamp

Branch Manager

(Certificate to be enclosed after all formats Part A(1), (2), (3) and Part B (1), (2), (3).



## Department of Captain of Ports

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## Order

COP/2012/2/Corresp.(PER)/Part-III/  
/Part(1)/458

Sanction of the Government is hereby accorded for reduction in Level of the Pay Matrix of the newly created post of Superintendent [Aids to Marine Navigation (ATON)], Group 'B' Gazetted from Level 10 of the Pay Matrix (pre-revised scale of PB 3 Rs. 15600-39100+Rs. 5400 G.P) to Level 9 of the Pay Matrix (pre-revised scale of PB 2 Rs. 9300-34800+5400 G.P).

This is issued as per the concurrence of the Finance (R&C) Department and approval of the Hon'ble Chief Minister/Finance Minister vide U.O. No. 1226/F dated 18-05-2020.

By order and in the name of the  
Governor of Goa.

Capt. *James Braganza*, Captain of Ports and  
ex officio Joint Secretary.

Panaji, February, 2021.



## Department of Law

Legal Affairs Division

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## Notification

10/4/2019-LA

The Arms (Amendment) Act, 2019 (Central Act No. 48 of 2019), which has been passed by Parliament and assented to by the President on 13-12-2019 and published in the

Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 1 dated 13-12-2019, is hereby published for the general information of the public.

*D. S. Raut Dessai*, Joint Secretary (Law).

Porvorim, 21st May, 2020.

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## The Arms (Amendment) Act, 2019

An

Act

*further to amend the Arms Act, 1959.*

Be it enacted by Parliament in the Seventieth Year of the Republic of India as follows:—

1. *Short title and commencement.*— (1) This Act may be called the Arms (Amendment) Act, 2019.

(2) It shall come into force on such date as the Central Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, appoint.

2. *Amendment of section 2.*— In the Arms Act, 1959 (hereinafter 54 of 1959, referred to as the principal Act), in section 2, after clause (e), the following clause shall be inserted, namely:—

“(ea) “licence” means a licence issued in accordance with the provisions of this Act and rules made thereunder and includes a licence issued in the electronic form;”,

3. *Amendment of section 3.*— In section 3 of the principal Act, in sub-section (2),—

(i) for the words “three firearms”, the words “two firearm” shall be substituted;

(ii) for the proviso, the following provisos shall be inserted, namely:—

“Provided that a person who has in his possession more firearms than two at the commencement of the Arms (Amendment) Act, 2019, may retain with him any two of such firearms and shall deposit, within one year from such commencement, the remaining firearm with the officer in charge of the nearest police station or, subject to the conditions



prescribed for the purposes of sub-section (1) of section 21, with a licensed dealer or, where such person is a member of the armed forces of the Union, in a unit armoury referred to in that sub-section after which it shall be delicensed within ninety days from the date of expiry of aforesaid one year:

Provided further that while granting arms licence on inheritance or heirloom basis, the limit of two firearms shall not be exceeded."

4. *Amendment of section 5.*— In section 5 of the principal Act, in sub-section (1), in clause (a), for the word "manufacture," the words "manufacture, obtain, procure," shall be substituted.

5. *Amendment of section 6.*— In section 6 of the principal Act, after the words "convert an imitation firearm into a firearm", the words and figures "or convert from any category of firearms mentioned in the Arms Rules, 2016 into any other category of firearms" shall be inserted.

6. *Amendment of section 8.*— In section 8 of the principal Act, in sub-section (1), for the word "firearm", the words "firearm or ammunition" shall be substituted.

7. *Amendment of section 13.*— In section 13 of the principal Act, in sub-section (3), in clause (a), in sub-clause (ii), for the words and figures "point 22 bore rifle or an air rifle", the word "firearm" shall be substituted.

8. *Amendment of section 15.*— In section 15 of the principal Act, in sub-section (1),—

(a) for the words "period of three years", the words "period of five years" shall be substituted;

(b) after the proviso, the following proviso shall be inserted, namely:—

"Provided further that the licence granted under section 3 shall be subject to the conditions specified in sub-clauses (ii) and (iii) of clause (a) of sub-section (1) of section 9 and the licensee shall produce the licence along with the firearm or ammunition and connected

document before the licensing authority after every five years from the date on which it is granted or renewed."

9. *Amendment of section 25.*— In section 25 of the principal Act,—

(i) in sub-section (1),—

(a) in clause (a), for the word "manufactures," the words "manufactures, obtains, procures," shall be substituted;

(b) in clause (b), after the words "convert an imitation firearm into a firearm", the words and figures "or convert from any category of firearms mentioned in the Arms Rules, 2016 into any other category of firearms" shall be inserted;

(c) in the long line, for the words "three years but which may extend to seven years", the words "seven years but which may extend to imprisonment for life" shall be substituted;

(ii) in sub-section (1A),—

(a) for the words "five years but which may extend to ten years", the words "seven years but which may extend to fourteen years" shall be substituted;

(b) the following proviso shall be inserted, namely:—

"Provided that the Court may, for any adequate and special reasons to be recorded in the judgment, impose a sentence of imprisonment for a term of less than seven years.";

(iii) after sub-section (1A), the following sub-section shall be inserted, namely:—

"(1AB) Whoever, by using force, takes the firearm from the police or armed forces shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which shall not be less than ten years but which may extend to imprisonment for life and shall also be liable to fine.";

(iv) in sub-section (1AA), for the words "seven years", the words "ten years" shall be substituted;

(v) in sub-section (1B),—

(a) in the long line, for the words "one year but which may extend to three years", the words "two years but which may extend to five years and shall also be liable to fine" shall be substituted;

(b) in the proviso, for the words "one year", the words "two years" shall be substituted;

(vi) after sub-section (5), the following sub-sections shall be inserted, namely:—

'(6) If any member of an organised crime syndicate or any person on its behalf has at any time has in his possession or carries any arms or ammunition in contravention of any provision of Chapter II shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which shall not be less than ten years but which may extend to imprisonment for life and shall also be liable to fine.

(7) Whoever on behalf of a member of an organised crime syndicate or a person on its behalf,—

(i) manufactures, obtains, procures, sells, transfers, converts, repairs, tests or proves, or exposes or offers for sale or transfer, conversion, repair, test or proof, any arms or ammunition in contravention of section 5; or

(ii) shortens the barrel of a firearm or converts an imitation firearm into a firearm or converts from any category of firearms mentioned in the Arms Rules, 2016 into any other category of firearms in contravention of section 6; or

(iii) brings into, or takes out of India, any arms or ammunition of any class or description in contravention of section 11,

shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which shall not be less than ten years but which may extend to imprisonment for life and shall also be liable to fine.

*Explanation.*— For the purposes of sub-sections (6) and (7),—

(a) "organised crime" means any continuing unlawful activity by any person, singly or collectively, either as a member of an organised crime syndicate or on behalf of such syndicate, by use of violence or threat of violence or intimidation or coercion, or other unlawful means, with the objective of gaining pecuniary benefits, or gaining undue economic or other advantage for himself or any person;

(b) "organised crime syndicate" means a group of two or more persons who, acting either singly or collectively, as a syndicate or gang indulge in activities of organised crime.

(8) Whoever involves in or aids in the illicit trafficking of firearms and ammunition in contravention of sections 3, 5, 6, 7 and 11 shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which shall not be less than ten years but which may extend to imprisonment for life and shall also be liable to fine.

*Explanation.*— For the purposes of this sub-section, "illicit trafficking" means the import, export, acquisition, sale, delivery, movement or transfer of firearms and ammunition into, from or within the territory of India, if the firearms and ammunition are not marked in accordance with the provisions of this Act or are being trafficked in contravention of the provisions of this Act including smuggled firearms of foreign make or prohibited arms and prohibited ammunition.

(9) Whoever uses firearm in a rash or negligent manner or in celebratory gunfire so as to endanger human life or personal safety of others shall be punishable with an imprisonment for a term which may extend to two years, or with fine which may extend to rupees one lakh, or with both.

*Explanation.*— For the purposes of this sub-section, "celebratory gunfire" means the practice of using firearm in public

gatherings, religious places, marriage parties or other functions to fire ammunition.'

10. *Amendment of section 27.*— In section 27 of the principal Act, in sub-section (3), for the words "shall be punishable with death", the words "shall be punishable with imprisonment for life, or death and shall also be liable to fine" shall be substituted.

11. *Amendment of section 44.*— In section 44 of the principal Act, in sub-section (2), in clause (f),—

(a) for the words "firearm shall be stamped or otherwise shown thereon", the words "firearm or ammunition shall be stamped or otherwise shown thereon for the purposes of tracing" shall be substituted;

(b) the following *Explanation* shall be inserted, namely:—

*'Explanation.*— For the purposes of this clause, "tracing" means the systematic tracking of firearms and ammunition from manufacturer to purchaser for the purpose of detecting, investigating and analysing illicit manufacturing and illicit trafficking;'.  
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Department of Public Works

Office of the Principal Chief Engineer

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**Notification**

16-22-PCE-PWD-EO/2020-21/139

Whereas Government has approved the proposal for permitting Private as well as Municipal Tankers to unload Night Soil at Sewage Treatment Plant at Tonca/Margao/

/Vasco at the rate of Rs. 500/- per tanker vide order No. 2/16-12-80-CE-PWD-EO/339 dated 16-2-2001.

Now, the Government hereby revises the rates for unloading of Night Soil at the Government Sewage Treatment Plants based on the capacity of the tanker as in the schedule below.

SCHEDULE

Sr. No.	Capacity of Night Soil Tanker	Rate for Unloading
1.	Upto 4000 litres	Rs. 500/- per Tanker.
2.	Above 4000 litres up to 8000 litres	Rs. 1000/- per Tanker
3.	Above 8000 litres up to 12000 litres	Rs. 1500/- per Tanker
4.	Above 12,000 litres up to 16000 litres	Rs. 2000/- per Tanker

This Notification supersedes the existing rates for unloading of Night Soil at Government Sewage Treatment Plants presently in force vide order No. 2/16-12-80-CE-PWD-EO/339 dated 16-2-2001.

The above rates shall be come into effect from 12th February, 2021.

This is issued with the approval of Government vide U.O. No. 5664/F dated 28-1-2021.

By order and in the name of Governor of Goa.

*U. P. Parsekar*, Principal Chief Engineer (PWD) & ex officio Addl. Secretary.

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